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Chicago Broiler/Fryer

Whole Body 1/

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 09-Apr-2012

 Wtd

 Range
 Majority
 Avg
 Loads

 65-91
 75-80
 75.99
 31

1/: Whole Body category includes whole body birds with or without giblets, all grades, brands, and packaging.

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection for Week Ending 07-Apr-12

Current Week Previous Week

Broiler/fryer 151,645 152,006

Georgia Fob Dock Prices

Wed – 93.25 Fri Preliminary Wtd Avg – 92.74

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	Wtd Avg	Volume
Item	(cents/lb)	(000 lbs)
Line Run Tenders	205.00	955
Breasts - B/S	159.50	4,338
Breasts - Whole	100.50	891
Thigh Meat - B/S	130.50	753
Thighs	72.00	737
Drumsticks	70.50	732
Leg Quarters	54.00	5,245
Wings	188.50	2,127
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<u>Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer</u> Preliminary majority prices in Chicago were lower for next week. Prices for whole birds are trending steady to weak. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate and slightly better than expected for some going into the Easter weekend. Seasonal retail items are receiving best interest. Fast food demand is moderate to good. Floor stocks are mixed. Weights are desirable to heavy. Whole bird market activity is light. Parts supplies are light to moderate. Prices trended steady to firm on tenders and steady on the balance of white and dark meat part items. Parts market activity is light.

Weekly National Frozen Whole Young Turkeys,

Weighted Average Prices, cents per pound, FOB Shipper Dock Basis - Week Ending April 06, 2012

FROZEN Whole Body Turkeys - commodity pack or equivalent; minimum 10,000 lb. lots; current negotiation for delivery within two weeks.

	Current Week		Last Week		Last Year	
U.S. Grade A - FROZEN	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume	wtd avg	volume
	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)	(cents/lb.)	(000 lbs.)
8-16 lb. (Hens)	105.70 ¹		104.50	133	96.30 ¹	
16-24 lb. (Toms)	106.00	162	105.14	553	103.00	160
¹ based on offers.						

March Averages				
This	Last	Last		
Month	Month	Year		
103.70	100.15	92.38		
104.45	100.17	92.33		

Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week Ending 31-Mar-2012 (Preliminary)

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Live Poultry - Your	ng Chickens	Live Turkeys - Yo	ung Hens	Young Toms
	thousands		tho	ousands
Head	149,755	Head	1,931	2,575
Avg Wt	5.80	Avg Wt	17.16	40.47
Last week	150,600	Last week	2,075	2,517
Same wk yr ago	162,524	Same wk yr ago	1,692	2,558
Avg Wt	5.77	Avg Wt	16.89	39.20
To-date/2012*	1,945,601	To-date/2012*	22,882	32,239
To-date/2011*	2,075,312	To-date/2011*	22,631	32,825
% Change YTD	-6%	% Change YTD	1%	-2%
Ready-to-Cook Weig	ht and Dressing Percentage	Ready-to-Cook Wei	ght and Dressii	ng Percentage
Current week	651,434	Current week	26,508	83,370
Last week	647,204	Last week	27,849	82,492
Same wk yr ago	698,634	Same wk yr ago	22,862	80,219
To-date/2012*	8,363,107	To-date/2012*	311,247	1,066,393
To-date/2011*	8,786,209	To-date/2011*	310,789	1,041,005
% Change YTD	-5% 	% Change YTD	0%	2%
Dressing %	75.0%	Dressing %	80.0%	80.0%

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update. *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Fresh Beef Cuts			
FOB Negotiated	Price Range		Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	558.00	642.00	581.33
168 3 Round, top inside round	192.00	222.00	199.47
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	484.21	537.00	499.01
Ground Beef 81%	159.00	187.58	173.59
Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Market	News		